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## Chapter 84: Face the Truth

HS



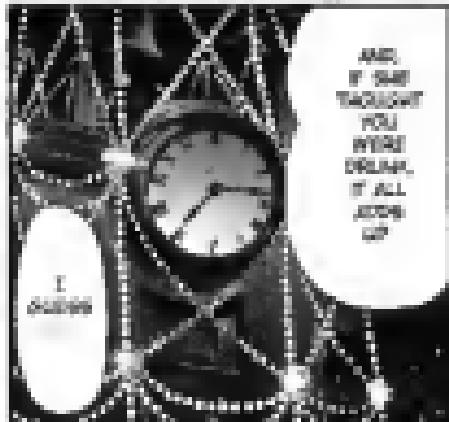
YEAH.

THAT  
WOULD  
BE  
THE  
WORST.

STUPID  
OR  
NOT  
REALLY  
WANTS  
CRAZY.

I  
GODDAMN

AND,  
IF ONE  
THOUGHT  
YOU  
WERE  
CRAZY,  
IT ALL  
JUDDERED









JOE  
SHE SAY  
THAT YOU'VE  
HAD ENOUGH  
SHE'S I DON'T  
REMEMBER...

WELL...  
WHAT  
HAD THAT,  
DOD-DAMN?

HUH?

OH...  
I DON'T  
THINK PLEASE  
ON LETTERS-TELEGRAM  
AND MORSE  
BE ALONE  
TOGETHER...

HUH,  
KOSHIBA  
SAY  
THAT  
YOU  
DON'T  
WANT  
IT

UNFOR-  
TUNATELY,  
TURNS  
NOT  
IT.

JOEJOV,  
REMEMBER?  
YOU HAVE TO  
TAKE MORSE  
ON A DATE!

?







WHAT?

I  
WANT  
YOU  
TO  
READ...

LET  
YOU  
GET  
OUT...

NOPE

NO WAY!!  
SHE'S  
SO COOL-CHICK IS  
HERE DURING THIS  
WITH ME, EVEN  
THOUGH SHE KNOWS  
HOW I FEEL!!

THEY  
CAN  
BE  
CUTE  
PROPS  
—  
YOU  
YOUNG  
IN  
LOVE  
WITH

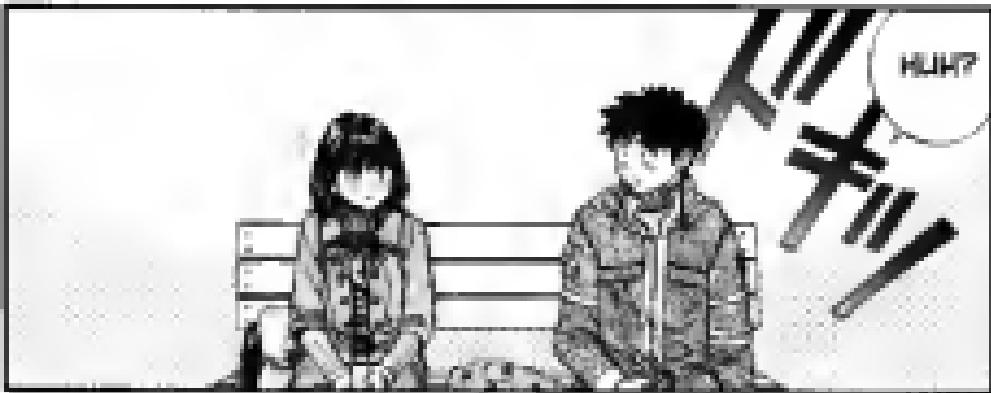
WHAT  
DO YOU  
MEAN?  
WHAT'S  
EASY TO  
READ?

I SEE...  
SHE'S NOT TALKING  
IN THOUGH SHE'S  
GOING TO BREAK OUT  
MY PUPPETS FOR HER...  
I MUST BE MISTAKEN

NO

"EASY TO READ?"  
I'M ACTUALLY  
IN THE OPPOSITE  
OF MY THOSE  
PUPPETS.  
AM I THAT  
KIND OF GUY?









IF SHE CAN  
TALK SO CALMLY  
ABOUT TERRA,  
THEN SHE MAY NOT  
HAVE ANY FEELINGS  
FOR HIM?

WHEN I THINK  
ABOUT THE  
CIRCUMSTANCES...  
DOES SHE WANT  
TO HEAR ME SAY IT  
OR POSSIBLY...

YES,  
WHEN IT COMES  
TO A DISCUSSION  
OF LOWER CLASS,  
DOES TERRA'S  
MAMI COME UP?

She knew that I was  
confessing to her...  
Then she replied me...  
in a somewhat heavy

It's as Terra said,  
she must have been  
feeling drunkenness.



HAPPY  
MOMENT...  
I WANT TO  
SCOUR OUT  
YOUR FEELINGS  
MORE...



WHAT?

YOUNG  
NOT  
STILL  
BRAIN  
AND  
POLY



SHAKE  
ONE  
SOON  
HOME  
IN  
MY  
HANDS

HOME

WHAT,  
THAT FACE  
SEEMS HONEST.  
IT DOESN'T LOOK  
LIKE SHE WAS JUST  
PLAYING DRUNK.  
THEN SHE DIDN'T  
JUST BRUSH OFF  
MY CONFESSTION.

"WELL?"  
I WAS  
REALLY  
THAT  
DISBELIEF?

WHAT,  
YOU DON'T  
REMEMBER?  
YOU WERE  
ACTING SO  
BADLY!

NOT  
I HAVE TO  
MAKE CERTAIN!  
I NEED TO  
GET TO HER  
TRUE HEART!

HOPE...  
SHE'S SERIOUS...

"WHEN YOU'RE DRUNK,  
YOUR TRUE FEELINGS  
SHOW!"

THEN JIN-CHAN  
REALLY DOESN'T...  
THINK OF ME AS  
A LOVE INTEREST...

"I'M  
SORRY...  
WHAT DID  
I SAY?"

OH  
NO...  
REALLY?

YOU HEAR  
SHES STILL  
ACTING  
MORALLY?

DON'T BE  
FOOLED!  
FIND THE  
TRUTH!

ICHITAKA!  
SHE'S IN THE  
DRAMA CLUB!

WHAT, YOU  
REALLY DON'T KNOW?  
YOU KEPT  
SUGGESTING  
ME ABOUT,  
"DO YOU  
WANT TO  
KNOW WHO IT  
IS I LOVE?"

RIGHT?  
THE TRUTH  
SHOULDN'T  
TELLING ME  
IS WRITTEN IN  
INVISIBLE INK!

"IF ONLY I  
KNEW IF HE  
FELT THE SAME  
ABOUT ME..."  
AND SO ON.

"SHE'S A  
GREAT  
GUY,  
WHICH FUN  
TO TALK  
TO."

"I'LL  
GIVE  
YOU A  
HINT."

"OOPS  
I OVERHEARD IT—  
THIS IS TOO OUT  
OF CHARACTER  
FOR TORO-GUN."

EH?

55



ALL  
SHE SAW  
THROUGH  
IT...

LIAR.

IF SHE HAD MADE  
A FACE LIKE "REALLY?"  
THEN MY LOVE WOULD  
HAVE BEEN CRASHED...  
THAT WAS DANGEROUS  
THE DOT TO BE CAREFUL...

THEN, I'M RELIEVED...  
I SAID IT, BUT  
I WAS DEFINITELY  
WRONG...

HUH?

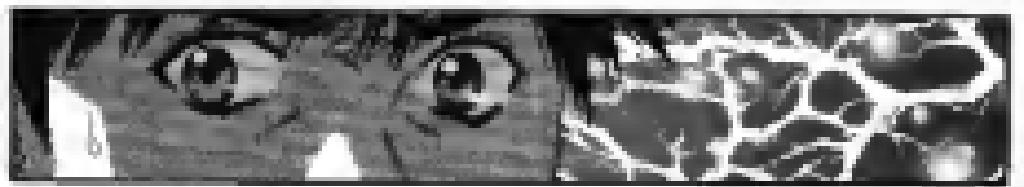
NO  
MATTER  
HOW  
DRUNK

I  
WOULD  
NOT  
SING  
ABOUT  
IT



SINCE  
IT'S  
TOTALLY...

ONE-  
SIDED,



THERE'S  
SOMEONE  
IORI-CHAN  
LOVES...



ONE-SIDED...  
IF IT'S ONE-SIDED,  
THEN THERE IS  
SOMEONE SHE  
LOVES...



## Chapter 85: It's Too Late

I CAN'T  
CONFUSE MY  
FANTASY WITH  
REALITY...

WHAT IS SHE  
THINKING OF?

FOR THE FIRST TIME...  
SORI-CHAN HAS  
TALKED ABOUT  
HER FEELINGS...

UNRESERVED...  
THEN THERE  
IS SOMETHING  
SHE LOVES...

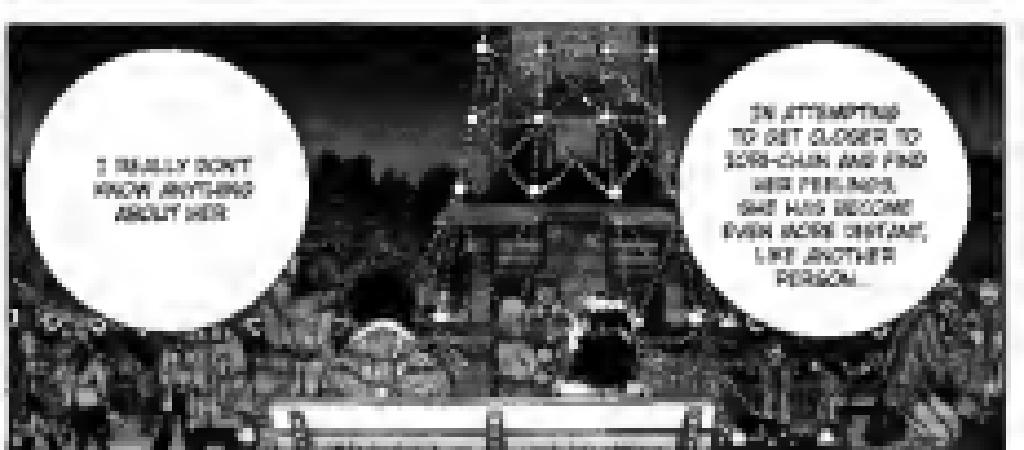
I SEE...  
SORI-CHAN'S  
LOVE IS  
UNRESERVED...

WHO COULD  
HAVE CAUSED  
SORI-CHAN  
PAIN...

BUT IN MY  
MIND, NO-ONE  
EXISTED...

THIS IS THE  
SECOND TIME TODAY,  
REALITY HAS BEEN  
DIFFERENT...

I'VE CREATED  
THIS MASK OF  
SORI-CHAN IN MY  
MIND...



I REALLY DON'T  
KNOW ANYTHING  
ABOUT HER.

IN ATTEMPTING  
TO GET CLOSER TO  
SUSU-CHAN AND FIND  
HER PERHAPS  
SHE HAS BECOME  
EVEN MORE DISTANT,  
LIKE ANOTHER  
PERSON...



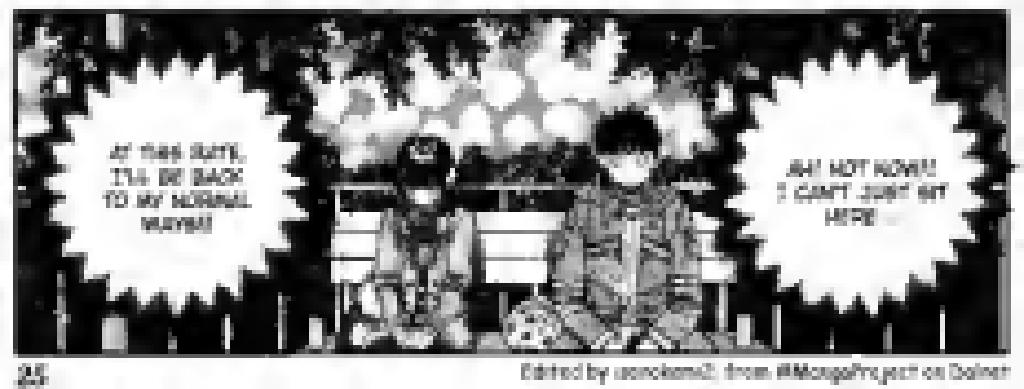
WHAT DOES SHE  
THINK OF ME?  
I'M TOO  
SELF-EXPOSING...

I REALLY HAVEN'T  
LET MYSELF BE  
TRROUBLED SINCE HE  
IT SAYS HE...



I SHOULD BE  
THINKING OF HER!!

WHY CAN'T I THINK  
OF OTHER PEOPLE?



AT THIS RATE,  
I'LL BE BACK  
TO MY NORMAL  
MINDSET

AM NOT NORM  
I CAN'T JUST BE  
HERE

WHAT MATTERS IS  
MAKING MY  
FEELINGS CLEAR!



YOU HAVE TO  
BE TERRIFIED ABOUT  
YOUR FRIEND'S  
PROBLEMS TOO.

THAT'S RIGHT.  
WHEN IT COMES  
TO MAREN, I  
DON'T THINK  
OF ANYONE!



I HAVE TO VIEW  
THIS AS MY  
LAST CHANCE TO  
TELL HER!

AFTER THIS,  
WE'LL BE BUSY  
WITH EXAMS.



NO! DON'T HESITATE!  
GO FOR IT.  
KEEP THINKING  
AHEAD!

WOULDN'T IT  
BE FABULOUS  
TO TELL HER  
NOW?

...BUT STILL,  
I KNOW NOW THAT  
THERE IS SOMEONE  
ELSE LOVING



EVERY P...



FOR ALL I  
KNOW, THAT ONE-  
SIDED LOVE MIGHT  
BE FOR ME.



I'M NOT GETTING  
THAT FEELING  
FROM HER NOW...  
OR I MAY BE  
WRONG...  
STUDYING HER...?

A GAZOO OF  
A MAN THAT MUST  
BE HER...



MASS IS  
BEING TOO  
OPTIMISTIC...









CAN YOU  
BACK OUT OF  
A DEAL SO  
EASILY?

ARE YOU  
ANY BETTER,  
WITH THIS  
OTHER GUY?



YOU  
BHASTARD!  
ESUA  
TOLD ME.  
YOU HAD TO  
HURT HER!



DAMN YOU!  
YOU'RE NOT  
JUST PLAYING  
AROUND WITH  
ESUA, ARE  
YOU?



AND THIS GUY  
TALKING ABOUT IT  
SO LOUDLY IN FRONT  
OF DOROTHY!

WHAT IS THAT?  
I TURNED YOU DOWN,  
TOMO-CHAN. WHY  
ARE YOU HAPPY?

THERE'S NO POINT  
CONFESSING NOW!

WITH ALL THAT'S  
HAPPENED,

IS IT MY FAULT?  
IS IT ALL MY FAULT?

SHI-  
KU  
LOVE  
CURE!

I  
SAY IT  
NOW!

OH,  
THAT'S  
RIGHT!

WHAT  
DO  
YOU  
THINK?

CHRISTIAN  
FIRE, ALONE  
WITH YOSHITAKA,  
SHIRTS YOU!

SHADE  
IT'S  
ONE-  
SIXTY?

SO SHI-  
KU  
LOVE  
CURE.

IF YOU LOVE  
HER SO MUCH,  
THEN COME OUT  
AND TELL HER!

WHAT SHOULD I  
DO IN THIS  
SITUATION?

WHAT IS THIS?  
EVERYONE SPEAKS  
TOO SELFISHLY!!



THEN GIVE IT UP.  
IT'S TOO LATE,  
RIGHT? YOU COULD  
NEVER CONFESS  
TO HER IN THIS  
LIFETIME, SCOTT.  
YOU THINK?

BECAUSE  
YOU ALWAYS  
LET THE  
CHANCE SLIP  
AWAY!

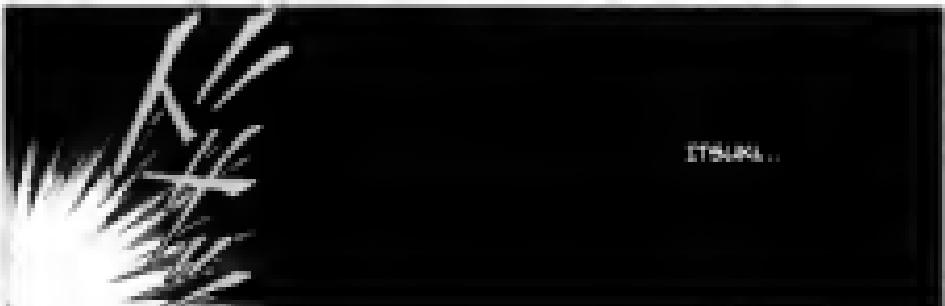
WHEN ANY-  
THING HAPPENS,  
IT'S ALWAYS  
"AHH... HOW I  
CAN'T CONFESS"  
AND YOU  
RUN AWAY.

YOU REALLY  
WELCOME TROUBLE,  
DON'T YOU?  
THAT'S WHY YOU  
HAVE EXCUSES NOT  
TO CONFESS  
TO HER!

WHY NOT  
BLAME YOUR  
OWN LACK OF  
GUTS?

BEFORE  
YOU GO  
BLAMING IT  
ON THE  
SITUATION,





STRIKE...





I'M GOING  
TO CONFESS!



YOSH-  
SAYI...



RIGHT HERE,  
RIGHT NOW!!

BUT YOU  
DID SAY  
ONLY TO HER  
BEFORE.

REALLY?

BUT...

I TURNED  
HER DOWN.

YOU COULD NEVER  
CONFESS TO HER  
IN THIS LIFETIME.

IT'S TOO LATE  
NOW.

IT'S LATE...

## Chapter 86: Victory is Mine

HS

BUT  
IT SEEMS  
SHE DOESN'T  
UNDERSTAND  
YOU TURNED  
HER DOWN...

IT'S  
OKAY  
JUST  
THIS  
ONCE,  
RIGHT?

PERHAPS...

I'LL  
LEAVE  
YOU  
ALONE

HMM?  
NO!  
DON'T SAY  
I THINK.  
IT WOULD  
BE BETTER  
IF YOU  
STAYED

IF I  
LET HER GO NOW,  
I'LL NEVER GET  
IDORI-CHAN  
BACK...

I  
DON'T  
FEEL  
LIKE  
SEEING  
IDORI-CHAN...

IT  
MUST HAVE BEEN  
MY SUBCONSCIOUS  
PUSHING ME...

WHEN STUSS  
APPLIED  
BEFORE AND  
TOLD ME "IT'S  
TOO LATE."

IF  
I  
DON'T  
WAIT  
FOR  
HER...

MY STUBBORN  
MOOD WITH  
IDORI-CHAN HAS  
CHANGED... INTO A  
BETTER MOOD...

THEY  
MAY  
NOT  
KNOW  
I'M  
REJECTED  
HERE

I'LL FEEL  
BETTER  
IF I DON'

ANYWAY,  
I WANT  
TO TELL  
HER NOW...

THEY DON'T  
MATTER

CONFIDENCE  
OR CHANCE  
OF SUCCESS...

AT THIS  
RATE...



SHE  
WANTS.

LET'S STOP  
THIS CONVERSATION.



I SAID IT'S  
OKAY...

BUT...  
HE SAID  
THAT SHE  
WAS...  
LOOKING  
FORWARD  
TO IT  
ON THE  
PHONE



OH...  
W- WOH,  
TORI-CHAN



WHY DOES SHE  
WANT ME TO GO?

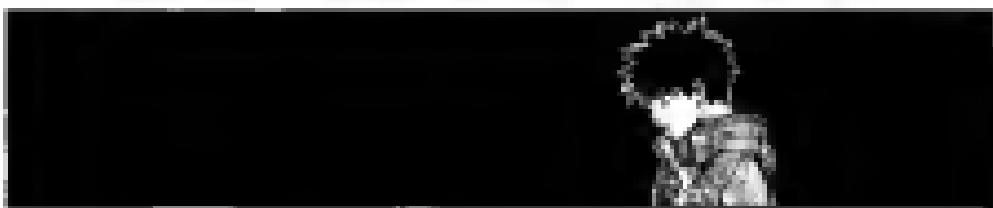
YOU...  
SHOULD...  
TURN HER  
DOWN.  
ASK  
HER AND  
TELL HER  
THAT.



I KNOW IF SHE IS WAITING FOR YOU YOU CAN TAKE HER OUT AND HAVE FUN.







WAIT  
FOR ME,  
YOSHIZUKI.

I'LL  
BE  
RIGHT  
BACK.

NEITHER WAY,  
I'LL KNOW  
FOR CERTAIN  
SOON...

IF SHE  
DON'T...  
THEN...  
I'LL HAVE  
TO GIVE UP.

I'LL TAKE THE  
1 PERCENT  
CHANCE AND  
COMPROMISE!

IF TORI-CHAN  
WAITS FOR ME  
AFTER THAT...

I THINK SHE'S  
FUTILE. SHE  
THINKS I  
WANT TO DATE  
COLIN-CHAN...  
I'M 99 PERCENT  
SURE SHE  
DON'T  
FEEL ANYTHING  
FOR ME...  
BUT, I'M STILL  
STRUGGLING!











IS THIS  
GRAY?  
IF I GO  
OUT WITH  
TRUNK-CHAN...  
I WOULD  
BE HAPPY,  
WON'T I?

IF I GO  
BACK,  
I'LL SELF-  
DESTRUCT  
FOR SURE.

SHOULD I  
GO BACK?

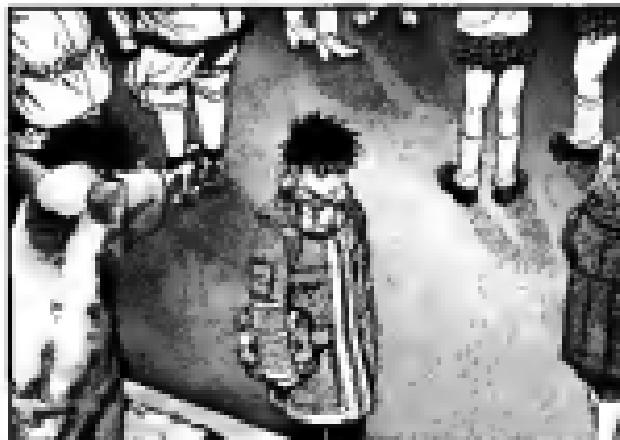
SHE WAS  
THINKING  
OF ME SO  
BRUTALLY...

I DIDN'T  
KNOW IF  
SHE'D  
COME, BUT  
SHE WAS  
WAITING  
ALL THIS  
TIME...



# I CAN'T DO IT!!





THAT POOL.

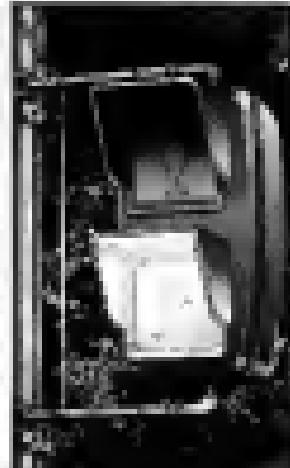


THAT'S  
NOT A  
CHANCE...



THAT WAS  
NO REASON,

TO BE  
KIDNAPED FOR  
ME...





I'M  
GOING TO  
TELL HER,  
WITHOUT  
HESITATION.

## Chapter 87: To You...

HS



## Chapter 87: To You...













ALREADY...



PLAY  
REALLY?  
I WAS  
CARRYING  
IT AND I WENT  
MOTEL...

THEN  
YOURSELF

YOU WERE  
DRUNK,

SO YOU  
MAY NOT  
REMEMBER

I GAVE  
YOU YOURS

I SEE...  
TERAFUJI  
HAD IT ALL  
PLANNED.  
LUCKY ME.

PROBABLY...

TO BE SO  
HAPPY FOR  
SO LITTLE...  
AFTER ALL, IT  
WASN'T ENOUGH  
TO GAIN HIS  
LOVE...

THEN,  
MORNING.  
FROM  
TERAFUJI

BUT, IT'S  
PATHETIC...  
IF ONLY THE  
GODS HAD HAD  
BEEN BIGGER.  
NOT SO LUCKY  
AFTER ALL.

IT...  
DON'T  
DO VERY  
WELL...

FROM  
TAKAHEI  
TERAFUJI  
WANT  
DO  
HIS  
LADY  
STAND  
WHAT  
HE SAYS  
HIMSELF

WHAT'S  
IMPORTANT  
IT SO  
TRIVIALLY  
THAT'S  
THAT IM-  
PORTANT  
TO HER...



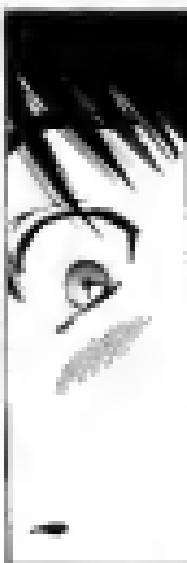








WOMAN ARRIVED  
AT MUSEUM  
MUSEUM.

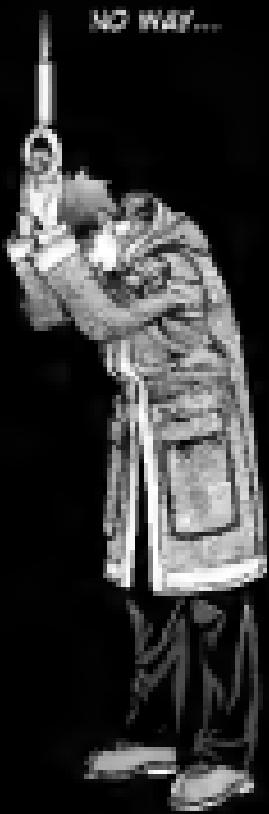


SAY SOMETHING!  
GIVE ME SOME KIND  
OF REACTION!!

SHE JUST LEFT  
SILENTLY!!



NO WAY...



NO WAY



IT WAS  
TOO QUICK...  
THE WAY  
IT ENDED...

THAT'S  
REALITY

WHATEVER.  
IT DO DONNA'T  
MATTER...

NOW WE  
WON'T EVEN BE  
ABLE TO TALK TO  
EACH OTHER.

IT WON'T  
DO ANY GOOD...

AND UNIVERSITY...  
SHOULD I KEEP  
GOING FOR THE  
SAME ONE?  
OR JUST GIVE UP  
ON THE WHOLE  
IDEA...

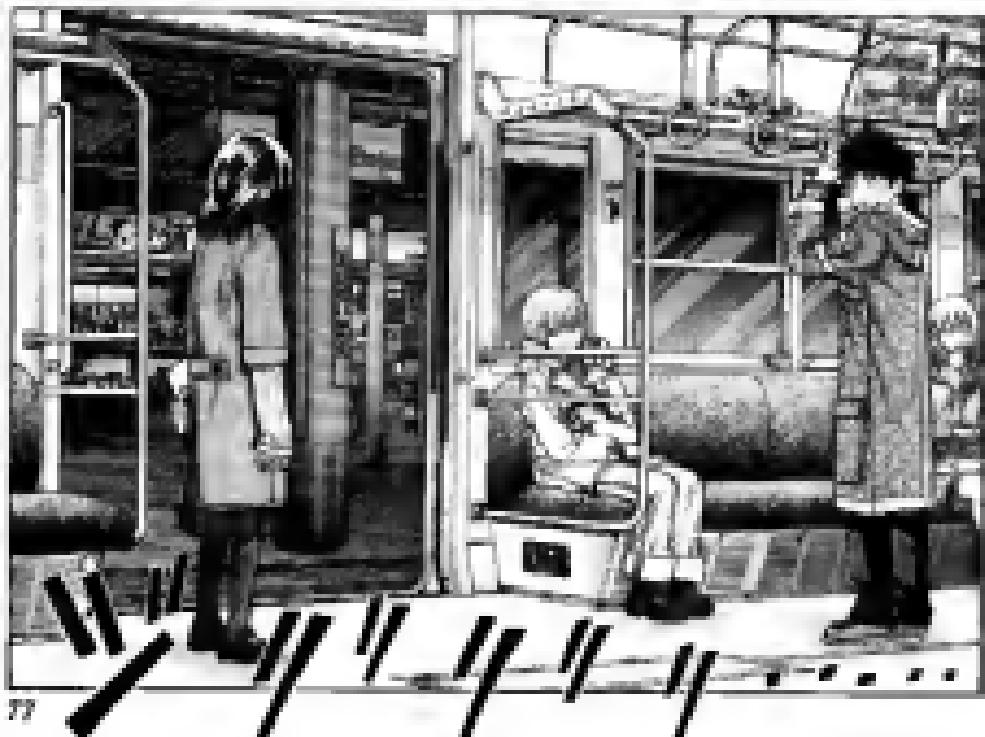






I  
THOUGHT

IT  
WAS  
ONE-  
SEEP



## Chapter 88: Flashback 1

HS





I DON'T  
WANT TO  
TALK ABOUT IT.

I THOUGHT  
IF I  
TALKED TO  
ANYONE, MY  
DREAM  
WOULD COME  
TO AN END...

AND YOU  
WANTED TO  
HEAR WHAT  
HAPPENED,  
LIKE NOW?

I'M SUCH  
A GOOD  
FRIEND, I  
WAS REALLY  
WORRIED AND  
THEN YOU  
NEVER CALLED  
BACK.

I THOUGHT,  
"OH, HE  
SOUNDS  
BAD... HE  
MUST  
HAVE BEEN  
DUMPED."

YUP!

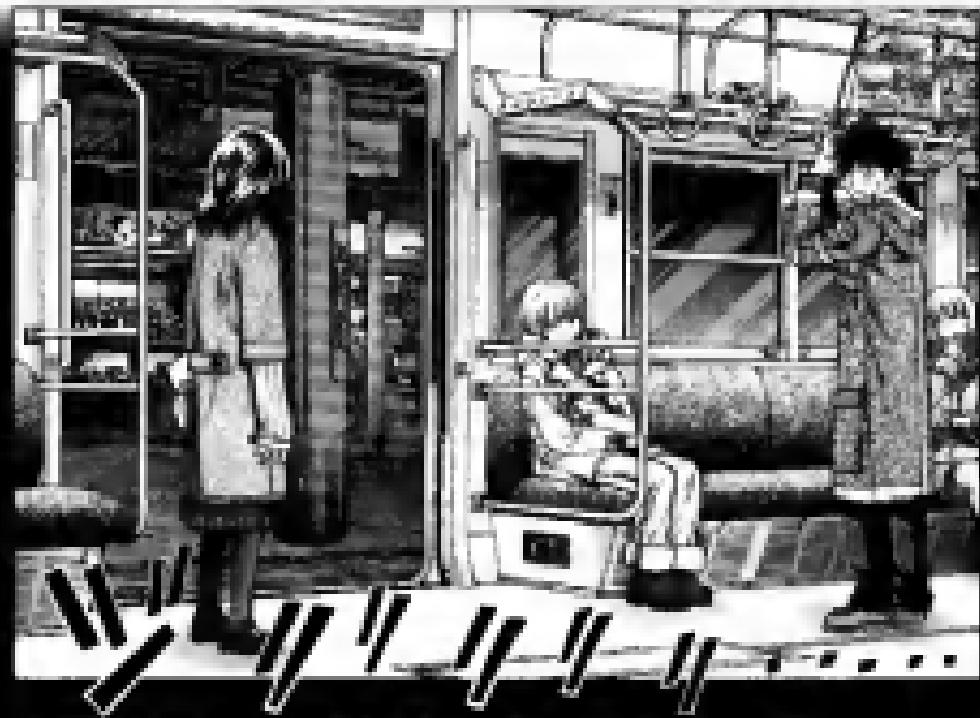
YOU  
WERE  
THAT  
HAPPY?

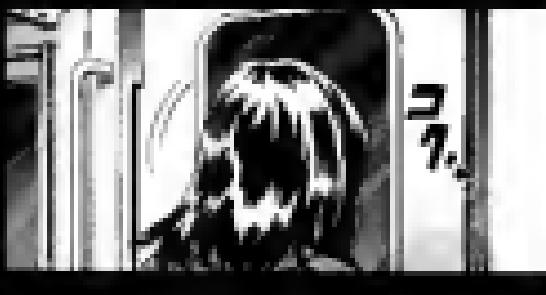
YEAH...

HMPH!! I  
WAS REALLY  
WORRIED,  
TOO!!

OH WELL.  
ANYWAY,  
GO ON.

.....











I NEARLY  
CRIED.

JUST THINKING  
ABOUT IT  
NOW, MAKES  
ME WANT TO  
CRY.

YES! YES! YES!  
KEPT ROLLING  
THROUGH  
MY HEAD.

MY LEGS  
WERE SHAKING,  
BUT I FELT LIKE  
I COULD WALK  
OR EVEN FLY.

I HAD FINALLY  
REALIZED IF  
YOU WERE SO  
HAPPY, THAT IF  
YOU WERE SO  
HAPPY...

WHAT  
HAPPENED  
TO CHANGE  
YOUR MIND?

A YEAR  
OF HARD-  
SHIP  
BEHIND  
ME...

I WAS SO HAPPY  
AT THAT INSTANT,  
I WANTED TO  
GRAB HOLD OF IT  
AND NOT LET GO.

HEY.

SIGH  
\*\*\*



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IT'S  
NORMAL.

THIS IS WHAT  
YOU DO WHEN  
YOU'RE IN  
LOVE.



NOTHING  
UNUSUAL  
ABOUT IT.

GETTO-  
GOIN'





THEN??

MY MIND WAS RACING WITH ALL KINDS OF THOUGHTS.

WHAT??  
YOU WERE JUST  
WACHING IT,  
YOU BASTARD!!

WHEN I CAME TO MY SENSES, SHE HAD STANDING IN FRONT OF MY HOUSE!!

THEN YOU LOST  
YOUR NERVE  
AND LET HER  
GO HOME...

OH WELL!!  
YOU HAD HER  
IN FRONT OF  
YOUR HOUSE,

What else?  
that's the  
main point



## Chapter 89: Flashback 2

HS



THE DUST  
WASH THE  
DUST

WHAT  
ARE YOU  
STARING  
AT...

WHAT  
ABOUT  
THAT  
THING?

AT THAT  
TIME...

YOU  
DON'T  
HEAR

THAT TIME?  
DUST  
DREAM BECAME  
REALITY...  
RIGHT THEN...



NOT FOR  
CART YOU  
NOT FOR  
WITH YOU



But the  
worship  
about you,  
you want  
to compare  
it with



I'M SORRY.  
I'VE BEEN  
BOthered SOu-  
THe THe-  
RE.

## ANSWER

OH, THAT'S RIGHT.

FOR INFORMATION WRITE: COLUMBIA RECORDS

WHAT CAN WE DO WITH THE INFORMATION WE HAVE AT OUR DISPOSAL



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BOSS: SHE KNOW  
WHAT I WAS  
PASSED  
SHE SEEMS  
APPROVED

TA  
SOMA-  
THING  
HAPPENED



TA  
SOMA-  
THING  
HAPPENED



I GET THE FEELING  
SHE'S TRYING TO  
SUPPRESS THAT  
FEELING DUE TO  
HIS HEART FROM  
EARLIER.



YOU WANT  
TO GO  
HOME?

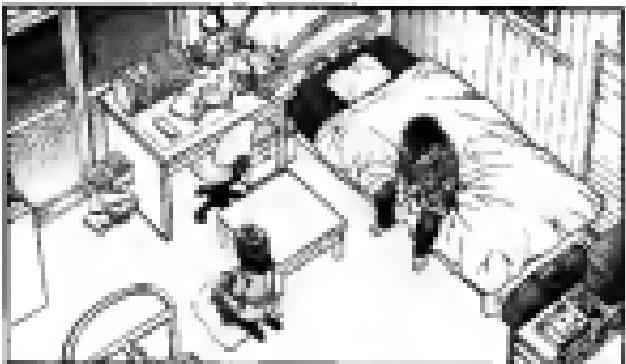
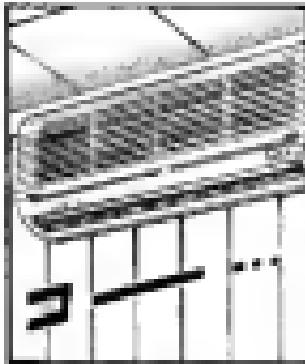


ALTHOUGH I  
HATED IT, I  
REALLY  
HOPED SHE  
WOULDN'T  
AGREE.









WHAT  
DO YOU  
WANT?  
COMET?  
THAT

I'M  
GET  
DRUNK.

OH,  
PROBABLY



WHATTTY  
SHH SHH,  
"SOMETHING  
TO BREAK"

OH  
...  
DRUNK

OH  
DON'T  
WORRY  
ABOUT  
IT.



I'M NOT  
VERY  
THIRSTY...



THIS ISN'T  
LIKE EARLIER.  
I KNOW HOW  
SHE FEELS.  
I DON'T NEED  
TO TRY TO  
FOOL HER  
OUTTT

THIS IS SOOO  
I'M HUNGRY...



I HAVE  
TO BE  
MORE  
HONEST  
WITH  
MYSELF







YOU'RE JUST  
THE WORST...

ALL THE  
BLOOD DRAINED  
FROM  
MY BODY...

THE  
WORST  
THING IS,  
THE ALCOHOL  
LOOKED A  
LOT LIKE  
HER...



HOW  
THERE'S  
NOTHING  
LEFT  
TO FEAR

BUT IF YOU  
THINK ABOUT IT,  
HOW ISN'T SHEEN  
THE WORST  
OF YOU

HOP  
DON'T  
EVEN  
TRY IT

DO YOU THINK  
YOURSELF  
KNOWS WHAT  
YOU DO WITH  
THOSE  
MANAGEMENTS?

SHE KNEW  
I WAS  
BESIDE...

I MEANT  
THERE WAS  
NOTHING  
LEFT  
TO FEAR.

HONEY

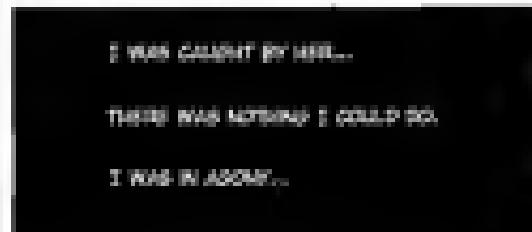
THAT'S TRUE.

I TRIED TO IGNORE  
THOSE THOUGHTS,  
AND ASKED HER,

IT LASTED ABOUT  
A MINUTE.  
THE TWO OF  
US WERE  
TOTALLY SILENT.

I  
ASKED  
YOU  
GIVE  
THAT?

DURING THAT  
TIME, ALL KINDS  
OF BAD IMAGES  
WERE THROBBLIN'  
IN MY HEAD...









## Chapter 90: Flashback 3

HS





HOW DID  
IT FEEL  
TO HUG  
SODA LUCKY?



TO KNOW THAT  
MY LOVE WAS  
RESCUED... I  
WAS TREMBLING  
WITH EXCITEMENT.

THIS WAS THE  
FIRST TIME I'D  
FELT SUCH A GREAT  
STRONG SWELL  
OF EXCITEMENT.



ANOTHER  
TAUT WAS  
PROBABLY  
THE SECOND  
INTERIOR  
TAUT  
RIGHT...

"Yours, obviously."  
I HAD ALWAYS  
THOUGHT THAT  
THIS JUST AN  
EXPRESSION...





THIS  
IS TRUE  
HAPPINESS  
FROM MY  
HEIGHT!



BORN-CHART  
SWEET  
WORLD IS  
STARTING  
AT ME...



XX...XX...



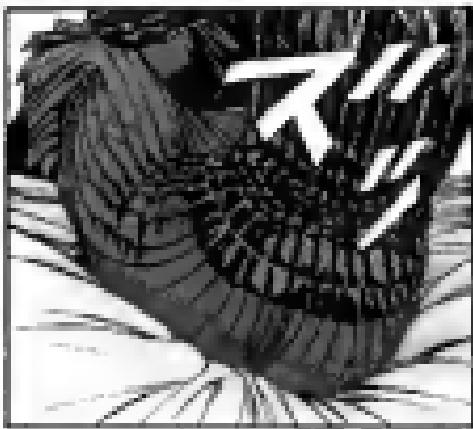
IT  
REALLY  
HURTS  
DOWN  
THERE...

I CAN'T  
STOP MY  
BODY IS  
MOVING  
BY ITSELF

XX...XX...

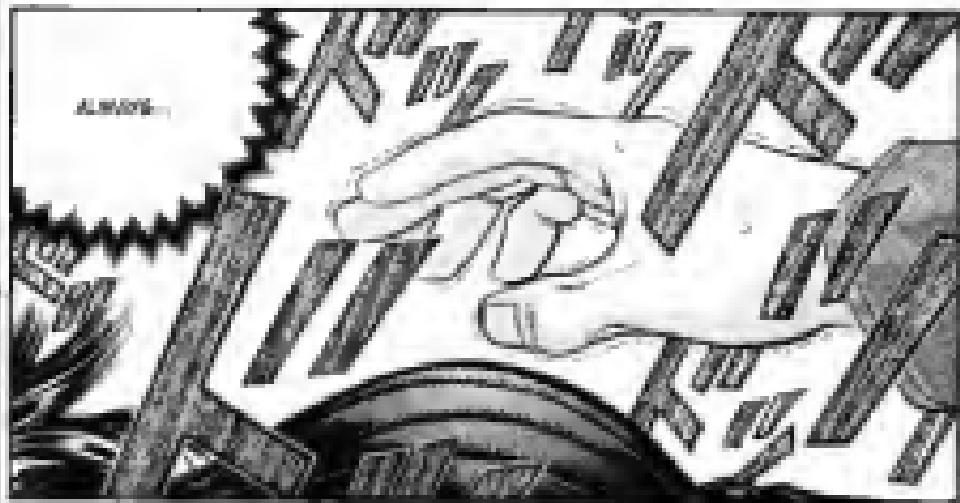
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YOU'RE SO CUTE ...  
EVEN THOUGH YOU  
APPEARED IN THAT  
MAGAZINE, I'VE  
ALWAYS THOUGHT  
OF YOU AS A  
PRECIOUS FLOWER...

ALWAYS  
LONGED  
AFTER  
YOU.

WHEN YOU  
TALKED TO  
ME, IT WAS  
LIKE A  
DREAM  
WITHIN A  
DREAM...



I REMEMBER.

THERE WERE SEVERAL TIMES,

WHEN WE GOT CLOSE...

THE "Z-H-I CONT" PLAY...



THE  
OL-  
SAMA  
GAME...



OF COURSE I WAS JUST HAPPY TO BE CLOSE TO  
YOU THOSE TIMES,

BUT... THERE WAS ALWAYS A WALL-BLOCKING ANY  
KIND OF MOOD. A GAP, TELLING ME THAT I ABSOLUTELY  
COULDN'T GET CLOSER.

SORIN-CHAN IS SO CUTE SHE EVEN HAS HER OWN  
FANCLUB AT SCHOOL...

I THOUGHT I COULD NEVER TOUCH SUCH A PRECIOUS  
FLOWER IN MY LIFETIME...

BUT NOW!



THE GAP  
BETWEEN  
US IS  
GONE

I CAN TOUCH HER  
I CAN TOUCH HER









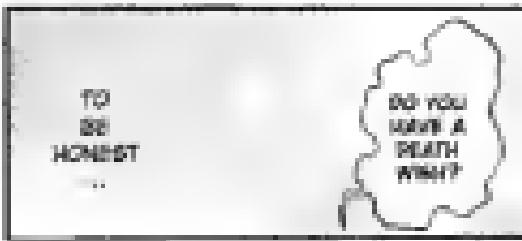
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ALTHOUGH I WAS RELIVING EACH INCIDENT IN MY HEAD IN DETAIL,

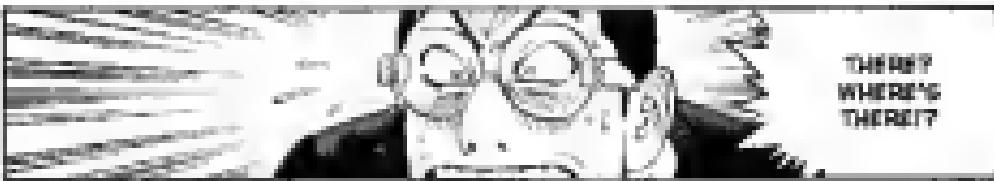




IN FACT... TO BE  
TEACHING CORN-CHIPS  
BREAKS ME UP.  
I WOULD SOONER  
TEACH SPAGHETTI...



SO MY HAND STARTED  
BROKEN OF ITS OWN  
ACCIDENT THINKING  
ABOUT IT, EVEN  
THOUGH I DIDN'T  
THROW HIM, THESE...  
I PROBABLY WENT  
TOO FAR



THAT'S  
WHERE'S  
THERE?



TOOTH-CAVITY  
WHITE GHOST...  
IN FRONT OF MY  
EYES...

I  
DIDN'T  
PLAN ON  
DOING  
THIS

SORRY-CHAN'S  
PURE  
BEAUTY

I CAN  
TOUCH IT  
SORRY-  
CHAN'S...

"DOING THIS" ...  
THEN SHE RECENTLY  
WANT TO IT  
BUT, SHE  
RETURNED  
MY HAIR.

NO FRIENDS,  
WATER LOVERS  
NOW...  
RIGHT?

WHEN WE FELL  
ON THE BED  
TOGETHER, SHE  
DIDN'T BUY  
ANYTHING.

I'M  
SORRY  
!!

WITH THOSE  
WORDS, ALL  
OF MY BLOOD  
DRAINED OUT  
OF ME... I  
INSTANTLY  
REALIZED I  
HAD DONE A  
TERRIBLE  
THING.



WEDNESDAY  
WE KNOW THAT WE'RE  
BOTH IN THE SAME SITUATION,  
BUT WE HAVEN'T  
EVER TALKED ABOUT  
GOING OUT YET!





WHY ISN'T GHI  
SAYING  
ANYTHING?



THERE WAS A  
HEAVY SILENCE

I COULDN'T STAND  
IT, SO I TOLD HER  
THERE WAS STILL  
TIME TO CATCH THE  
LAST TRAIN.

AND  
THAT?

IT WAS TOO  
LATE FOR THAT  
KIND OF JOKES.





THE SPACE  
BETWEEN US  
WAS FILLED  
WITH  
SILENCE...



THE FEELING  
OF UN-  
RIGHTNESS  
I HAD  
HAD WAS  
JUSTIFIED



WHAT HAD  
SEEMED TO  
BE A DREAM  
COME TRUE,  
TURNED OUT  
TO BE MERELY  
A DREAM...

EVEN THOUGH I FELT  
I HAD TO CONFIRM  
IF WE WERE GOING  
OUT, THE MASTERS  
DIDN'T COME OUT.





WHAT ARE YOU  
DOING?  
THERE'S NO  
REASON TO  
THINK IT'S OVER.  
FOOL!!

STUPID!  
THAT'S IT!!

BUT SHE  
ALSO DID  
DON'T  
PLAN ON  
DOING  
THAT...

IT'S OK!  
OF COURSE  
IT'S OK!!

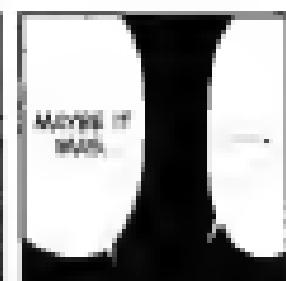
LISTEN, YOSHIZUKE,  
SHE CAME TO YOUR  
HOUSE! SHE  
HUGGED YOU BACK  
WHEN YOU LAUGHED  
HERE! WHEN YOU  
WERE LYING ON  
THE BED, SHE  
DIDN'T SAY ANY-  
THING!!

YOU  
THINK  
SO?

TELLING  
HER TO GO  
HOME IN  
THE MIDDLE  
OF YOUR ATTACK  
THAT'S A  
PROBLEM!

ANYWAY,

MAYBE SHE  
DIDN'T PLAN  
ON IT, BUT  
THAT'S OK!











# Chapter 92:

## An Accurate Prediction

HS



I HAD  
GIVEN UP  
ALL HOPE  
SHE WOULD  
EVER CALL...

IT'S BEEN  
SO LONG  
SINCE  
TOMO-CHAN  
CALLED...



BUT, I'M  
NOT HAPPY.

SHES  
PROBABLY  
BURN  
THROUGH. THEY NOT  
CALLING.  
MAYBE  
HE HURTS  
HER.

SHES  
PROBABLY  
BURN  
THROUGH. THEY NOT  
CALLING.  
MAYBE  
HE HURTS  
HER.

MAYBE SHE'S  
DROWNED IT  
AS MUCH  
AS POSS

POOT

WHY ARE  
YOU SO  
NECESSARY?

HER VOICE  
WASN'T

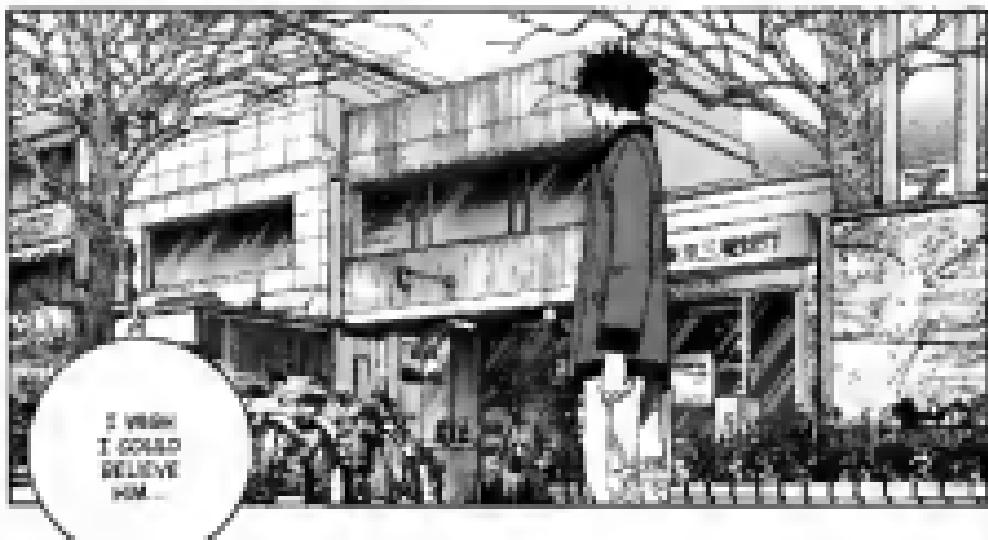
AFTER ALL THIS  
TIME, YOU CAN  
SEE HER.

POOT

FACE TO  
FACE

YOU  
THINK  
SO?





TELLING  
ME THAT BEING  
OPTIMISTIC  
IS GOING TO  
CHANGE THINGS...

LOOKING AT IT  
OBJECTIVELY,  
IT DOESN'T SEEM  
SO LIKELY...

THAT NIGHT,  
HER WORDS,  
HER EXPRESSION,  
THE WHOLE  
ATMOSPHERE...

HE WAS  
JUST TRYING  
TO CHEER  
ME UP...

I CAN'T  
SHARE THE  
FEELING  
THAT IT'S ABOUT  
TO BE OVER...

HIS  
ENCOURAGEMENT  
ISN'T GOING  
TO CHANGE  
REALITY...

AND THEN,  
THAT PHONE  
CALL...  
HER GOLD  
VOICE...

WHY WAIT  
UNTIL TODAY  
TO TALK  
ABOUT IT?

BUT, WHY  
WOULD SHE  
CALL TODAY?

I JUST  
WANT TO  
UNDERSTAND  
HER HEART  
FOR CRACK.

I HAVE  
NO IDEA  
WHAT SHE  
MIGHT BE  
THINKING.

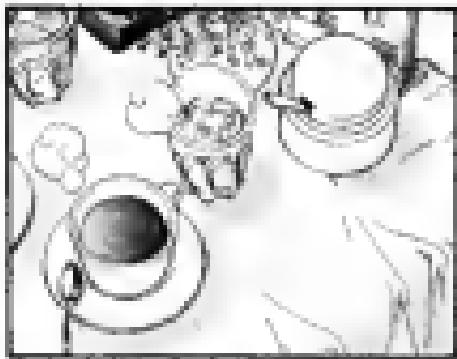
DOES SHE  
JUST WANT TO  
CLEAR IT UP  
HERSelf?

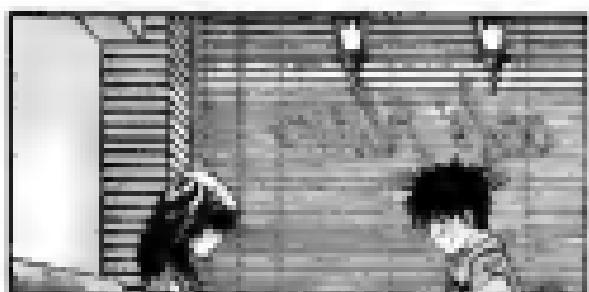
OH BRAH!!  
YOU  
CAN'T RUN  
AWAY NOW!!

TO THINK  
THAT I  
WON'T  
WANT TO SEE  
SOMETHING... -

DAMN...  
MY LEGS HAVE  
TURNED TO LEAD  
I DON'T WANT  
TO GO IN!!









KNOW  
WHAT  
ABOUT IT?

NO... THAT THIS IS  
THE PERFECT OPPORTUNITY  
TO LET HER KNOW  
WHAT I THINK, HUH? IT?

HUH?

HUH? WHAT  
WAS THAT,  
"HUH?"

WHAT...

TAKA-  
SHIBU  
LAW  
VERSITY

THE  
SAME  
AS  
POW

WHY  
AM I  
ALWAYS  
SECOND-

ONE?  
ADMN,  
MY SELF-  
DEFENSE  
INSTRUCT  
FICKS BET

MY MELL...  
WHAT ARE  
I SUPPOSED

OR  
AT LEAST,  
TAKA-  
SHIBU  
I WAS  
THINKING...









**RING!**

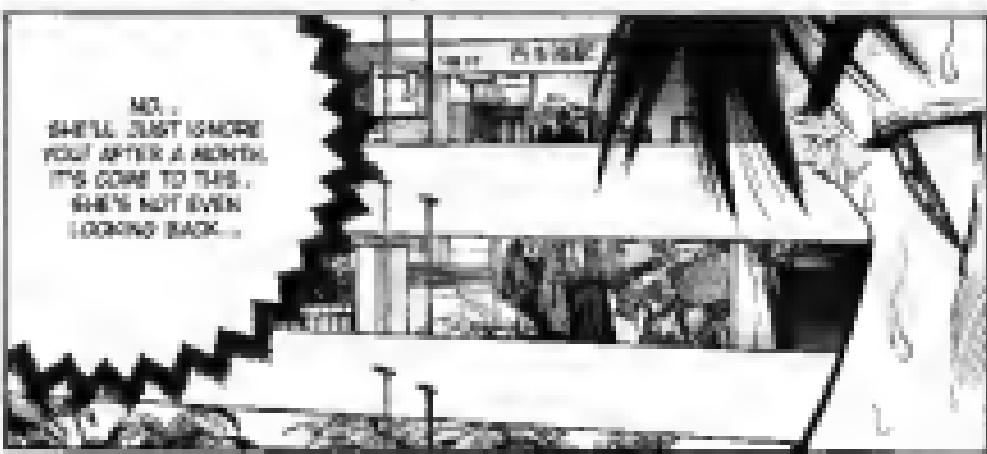




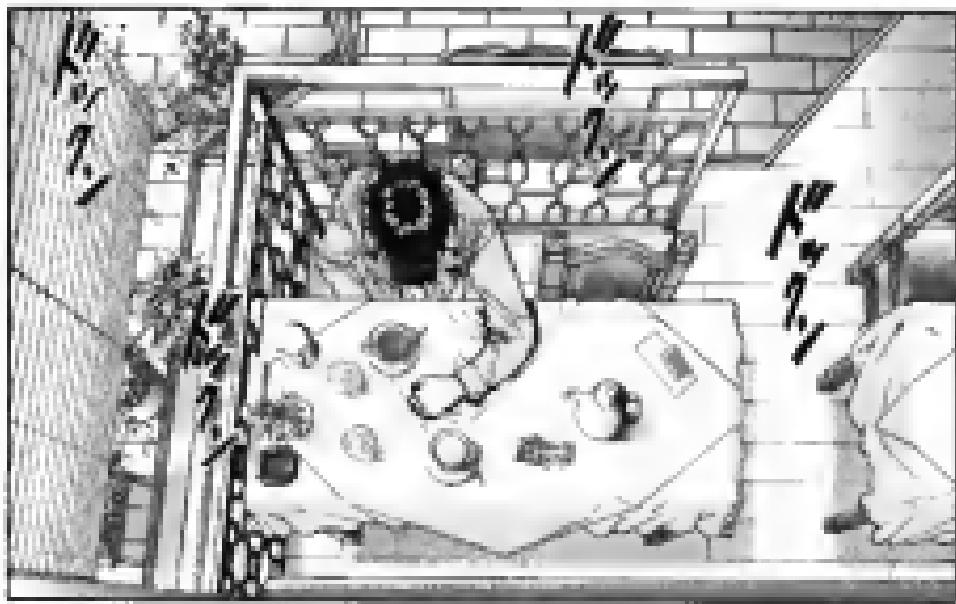
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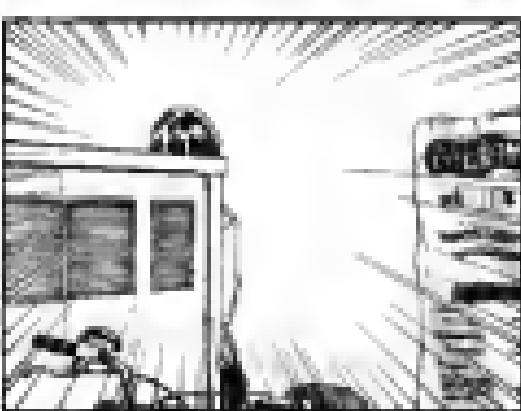
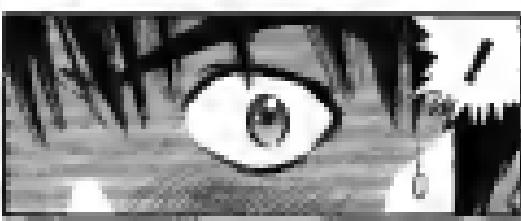
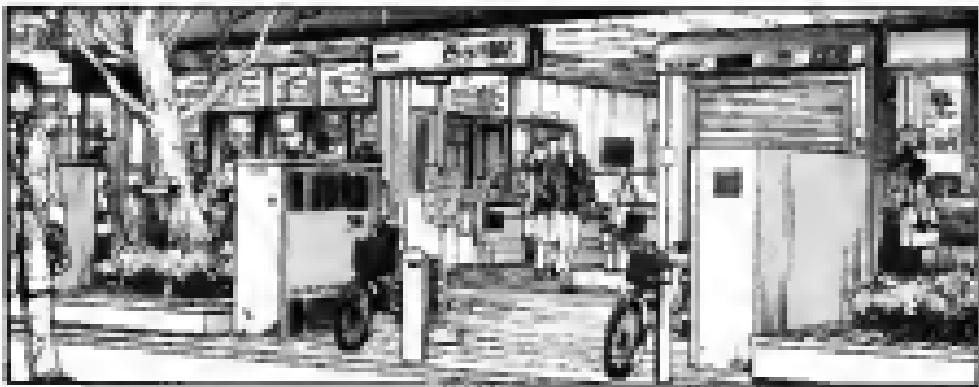
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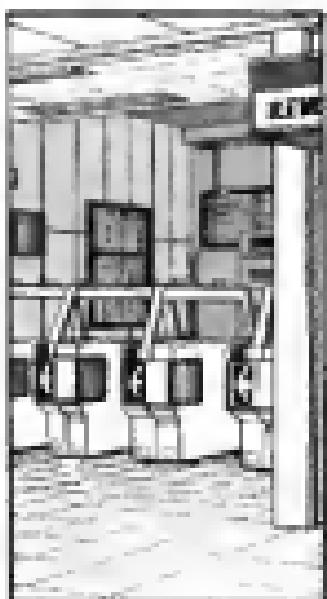






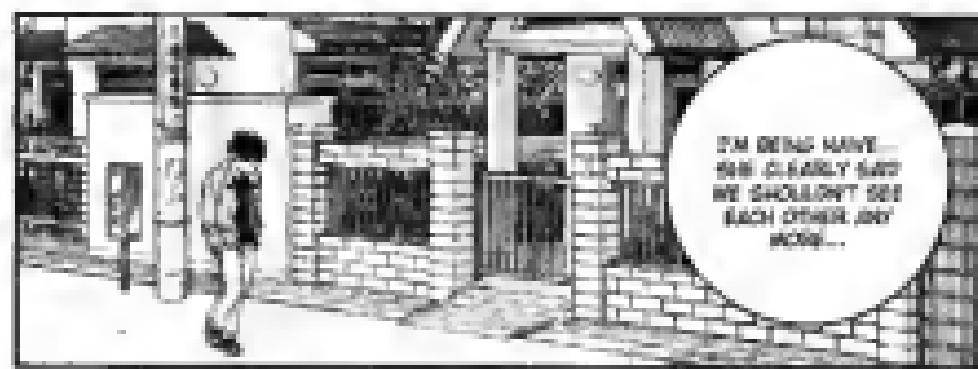


H- HAH  
...?



















I'VE GONE BACK TO THE WAY I WAS BEFORE...





RING...

